

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Mabel Peters; and,

*Whereas*, Mabel was born September 12, 1930, eight miles south of Wagner, South Dakota, on her family farm, to Gilbert and Evelyn Sully, graduated from High School in Pickstown, South Dakota, and dedicated her career to helping her people of the Yankton Sioux Tribe Enrollment office for 26 years, retiring in 1999; and,

*Whereas*, In the early 1950s, Mabel was a participant of the Indian Relocation program, relocating to Chicago, Illinois, where she met her husband Howard Edward Peters, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 24 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, The Yankton Sioux Tribe, one of nine Indian Reservations of South Dakota, will honor Mabel at the Ihanktonwan Community College annual graduation ceremony, as the "ELDER OF THE YEAR", and it is a privilege to honor her dedicated services and wisdom keeping of the Dakota people; and,

*Whereas*, Very few occasions recognize such dedication of great services to honor such individuals, their milestones, achievements, or noble deeds; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion in recognition of the honor and dedicated services to this state and country:

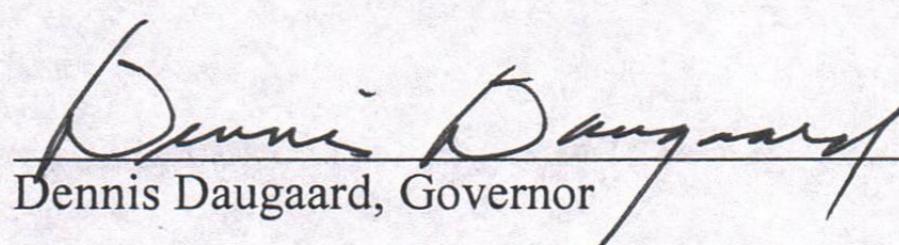
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2016, as

### ***MABEL PETERS DAY***

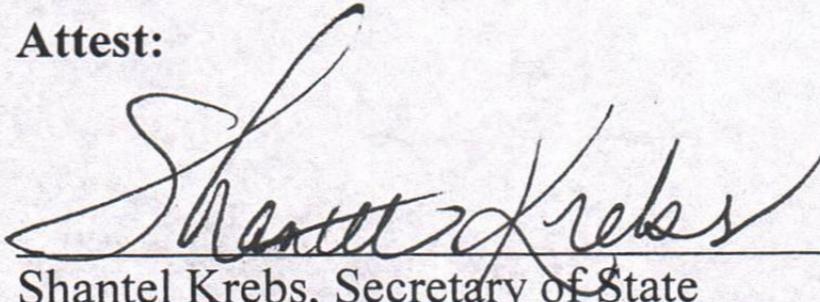
in South Dakota, and I join her family, colleagues, and friends as they recognize and honor Mabel for her dedication, compassion, and commitment to the Yankton Sioux Tribe, the Ihanktonwan Community College.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.



  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State